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Sailors of the Year for 2000 selected

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WASHINGTON (NNS) — This year's Sailors of the Year (SOY) have been announced by their respective fleets.

SOY for Pacific Fleet is Signalman 1st Class(SW/AW) Donald E. Farr, Beachmaster Unit 1, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet. Aircrew Survival Equipmentman 1st Class(SW/AW) Elton D. Potts, USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) was selected as Atlantic Fleet SOY. The Shore SOY was Boatwain's Mate 1st Class(EOD) Jeffrey Klinker, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Training and Evaluation Unit 2, Virginia Beach, Va.

Aviation Structural Mechanic (structural) 1st Class(AW) Wilfredo C. Pena, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HCS) 5, Point Mugu, Calif., was selected as Reserve Sailor of the Year.

"I am privileged to have won this honor," said Farr of his selection as Pacific Fleet SOY. "Everyone here has been great. These are some of the highest quality people I have ever met — really good shipmates."

Farr said his selection reflects the many hours of off-duty time he has put into helping with command and community projects. He feels the number one thing Sailors can do to prepare for this type of competition and a career in the Navy is to learn their rating first. In addition to this, he said Sailors should become warfare qualified and really apply themselves to self-improvement and off-duty education.

Farr, 31, is from Mesa, Ariz. He is currently serving at Beachmaster Unit 1, Naval Amphibious Base Coronado,

Calif., as the Command Career Counselor.

When Atlantic Fleet SOY Potts learned of his selection, he said that he felt the support of the people he worked with and his wife's devotion had been significant factors in his success.

Potts, 32, is from Lebanon, Tenn. He is stationed aboard USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) as Leading Petty Officer of Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Department Production Control.

Klinker, the Shore SOY, said he owes the Navy a great deal.

"I'm here because of the great leadership I have had," 14-year veteran Klinker said. "I have had the pleasure to work with some of the most dynamic people in the Navy. I want to pass that experience on to

others."

Klinker, 34, hails the towns of Plainfield and New Providence, N.J. Currently, he serves as a master instructor at EOD Training and Evaluation Unit 2 in Virginia Beach, Va.

The 36-year old Pena, the Reserve SOY, was ecstatic over his selection.

"I was pleased to be a part of this event," Pena said of the ceremony. "The journey getting to this point was the real reward of being named Sailor of the Year."

Pena is currently serving with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron (HCS) 5 in Point Mugu, Calif.

These Sailors have been selected as the "best of the best" and will travel to Washington, D.C., in July for meritorious promotion to chief petty officer.

Naval Aviators killed in air show crash identified

By COMNAVAIRLANT Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — Two Naval Aviators killed June 18 when their F-14A Tomcat aircraft crashed during an air show at Willow Grove Naval Air Station near Philadelphia have been identified as pilot Lt. William Joseph Dey, 30, of Hightstown, N.J., and Lt. David Erick Bergstrom, 31, of Annandale, Va., Radar Intercept Officer (RIO).

Both flyers were assigned to Fighter Squadron (VF) 101 from NAS Oceana, Va. They were performing demonstration maneuvers in the annual

air show held at the Willow Grove NAS. Both had been in the Navy for eight years.

Dey (pronounced DYE) was an instructor pilot in VF 101 with more than 1,400 total flight hours, and more than 1,100 flight hours in the F-14. He was married and resided in Virginia Beach, Va.

Bergstrom, who was single, had more than 1,200 total flight hours with more than 1,000 hours in the Tomcat. He was an instructor Radar Intercept Officer.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.



An F-14 Tomcat from VF-101, "The Grim Reapers," stationed at NAS Oceana, Va. U.S. Navy photo

CNO visits CINCUSNAVEUR Headquarters

By Journalist 1st Class Tim Marshall, CINCUSNAVEUR Public Affairs

LONDON, U.K. (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jay L. Johnson addressed Navy, Marine and civilian personnel assigned to Commander in Chief, Naval Forces Europe (CINCUSNAVEUR) Headquarters during an all hands call held June 16 at the U.S. Embassy auditorium on Grosvenor Square here.

"Nobody else in the world can do it — being forward deployed — like the U.S. Navy. We make a heck of a difference around the world," the CNO said. "You're doing a great job here, and this gives me one more chance to look you in the eye and tell you that," he added.

Johnson spoke about a number of crucial Navy issues, ranging from the impact of the U.S. Navy's forward-deployed presence to pay, recruiting

and retention. The session came after a brief frocking ceremony for Sailors on the CINCUSNAVEUR Headquarters staff.

Speaking about recruiting challenges, the CNO said that when the economy is good, recruiting qualified young men and women in sufficient numbers is difficult. "For the last 20 months we have met our recruiting goals," he said. But Johnson indicated that this has only been done by increasing the number of recruiters, doubling the advertising budget, and a lot of hard work by our dedicated recruiters.

"Regarding retention, we're starting a small trend for the better here" to keep our current Sailors, he said. "The recent 4.8 percent pay increase, special pay and bonuses

have helped with retention," he added.

After highlighting a number of other important Navy issues, Johnson answered questions from those in attendance. Regarding advancement to E-4, CNO noted that rates have improved from around 40 percent to more than 61 percent. "We've got more work to do, though," he added.

"I really am proud of you — you have no idea, day by day, how much guys like me are counting on you. You're the ones who will make a difference in the twenty-first century," Johnson concluded. "Thanks again for everything you do."

Editor's note: Marshall is a Reservist with NAVINFO East, Bronx, N.Y.

Five tons of narcotics seized in two weeks

By NAVSOUTH Public Affairs

EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN (NNS) — The guided missile frigate USS Samuel Eliot Morison (FFG 13) and embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) seized just over five tons of cocaine on the high seas in separate actions over the past two weeks.

Operating as part of a Federal Joint Interagency Task Force, USS Samuel Eliot Morison's surface, air and law enforcement team has been aggressively tracking, pursuing and seizing illegal narcotic shipments as part of their five-month deployment to U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command headquartered at Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

The first incident, which netted nearly a ton of cocaine from a fast-boat, occurred in late May off the coast of Colombia. In this case, a small craft, better known as a "go-fast," dumped 28 bales of narcotics into the sea while under close pursuit from the ship and

embarked "Seahawk" helicopter of Helicopter Squadron Light (HSL) 94.

Lieutenant Commander Lew Wright, USS Samuel Eliot Morison's executive officer, remarked that the evolution "was a real demonstration of teamwork, particularly in retrieving a long string of contraband spread out for about two miles, marked by smoke floats from one end to another."

Wright continued, "The helicopter was working the far end picking up bales with its grappling hook while we had our RHIB (Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat) picking up bales at our end."

The second incident, in early June, resulted in the seizure of over four tons of cocaine from yet another "go-fast," which was detained, searched and seized.

USS Samuel Eliot Morison, based in Mayport, Fla., is in the last month of the deployment to the Eastern Pacific and Caribbean. In addition to counter drug operations, the crew has been



USS Samuel Eliot Morison (FFG - 13)
U.S. Navy photo

actively engaged in U.S. forward presence missions, humanitarian assistance operations and a variety of other roles in support of U.S. foreign policy in the region. The ship is due to return to homeport in late June.

For more about USS Samuel Eliot Morison go to <http://www.spear.navy.mil/ships/ffg13>.

For more information about the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command go to <http://www02.clf.navy.mil/usnavso>.

Super Hornet enters full rate production

By the Navy Office of Information

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) — The Navy announced June 15 that it signed a multi-year contract with the Boeing Company for the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet full-rate production.

The contract, valued at \$8.9 billion, includes a total of 222 aircraft over five years. By signing a multi-year contract, the Navy will save over \$700 million and deliver a quantum leap in tactical ability to the fleet.

Under the terms of the contract, the Navy will purchase 36 aircraft in fiscal year 2000, 42 aircraft the following year and 48 aircraft for each of the following three years. The multi-year agreement builds budgetary flexibility into the contract by allowing the Navy to increase or decrease the quantity of aircraft on order by as many as six aircraft in each of the last four fiscal years.

"The F/A-18E/F Super Hornet is the cornerstone of the future of naval aviation," said Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jay L. Johnson. "It will provide twice the sorties, a third the combat losses and 40 percent greater range. We can't wait to get it to the fleet!"

This milestone is added to the long list of achievements that make the F/A-18E/F the most successful acquisition program in naval history. To date, a total of 28 F/A-18E/F Super Hornets have flown over 9,200 hours and have met or exceeded every key performance parameter. The Super Hornet has remained on schedule and within the budget parameters originally established in 1991.

"The future presents challenging asymmetric threats with capabilities that will continue to chip away at our technological and tactical advantage," said Rear Adm. James B. Godwin III, Tactical Aircraft Program Executive Officer. "We have delivered to the fleet a strike fighter that is truly multi-mission capable, flexible, survivable and with capacity for future growth as the need arises. Signing this contract is the fulfillment of a great teaming effort between the Navy and our contractor team," remarked Godwin.



F/A-18E/F Super Hornet from Boeing U.S. Navy photo

Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 115 from NAS Lemoore, Calif., is slated to be the first fleet-operational Super Hornet squadron. Currently flying the F/A-18C, the squadron will begin the transition to the F/A-18E later this fall and embark on its first deployment in June 2002 aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72).

Although the United States customarily purchases its defense systems through single-year procurement contracts, Congress authorizes excep-

tions when committing to longer-term buys that make good economic sense. In a multi-year environment, savings are captured by eliminating annual, nonrecurring start up costs, including proposal preparation and negotiation, subcontract negotiation and tooling set-up.

Multi-year procurement also allows the contractor to better plan the production flow and facility utilization, which reduces the recurring production and sustaining engineering costs.

The F/A-18E/F Super Hornet: revolutionary in tactical warfare and acquisition reform.

For more information about the F/A-18 Super Hornet, go to the U.S. Navy's home page at <http://www.navy.mil> and click on "Fact File," scroll down to "Aircraft, Fixed Wing," click on F/A-18 Hornet, then scroll all the way down to get to the link for the Super Hornet page.

CNO commemorates 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

By CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The following is the text of a message from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jay L. Johnson on the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. This message is appropriate for use in local commemorations and events.

"As we observe the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, we remember the enormous sacrifices and courageous determination of America's forces in defense of freedom.

"At the outset of the cold war, with the nation still weary from World War II, these warriors stepped into the breach to defend freedom and security against the rising tide of communism. We must never forget the fierce bravery they

demonstrated in places like Chosin, Inchon and Pork Chop Hill.

"Our Navy and our nation will always be grateful for those who demonstrated America's strength and resolve and helped to secure the world we enjoy today."



Weight tickets now mandatory in personal moves

By NAVSUP Public Affairs

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (NNS) — Last year, the Do It Yourself or “DITY” Move program name was changed. Now, any household goods (HHG) transportation or storage not procured by the government is called a “Personally Procured Move.”

Along with the name change came a requirement that prior to any claim for reimbursement a service member making a personally procured move must get certified weight tickets for the vehicle both empty and loaded with the HHG shipment.

Certified weight tickets are available only from a “public weighmaster,” or from a federal government scale at a U.S. military installation. Personal Property Shipping Offices will provide service members with a list of qualified scales in the local area for their convenience in obtaining these required weight tickets.

It is important to note that state-operated weigh scales found along interstate highways are not necessarily “certified” scales and are generally not operated by a certified “public weighmaster.”

Military personnel making a personally procured move should not use these scales.

Most truck stops found along major interstate highways are open “24-7,” and will normally meet the certification requirements.

Individuals are encouraged to check with these facilities first to be sure that they meet the requirements for certification. Without the proper weight tickets signed by a public weighmaster, no payment will be made.

Other changes to the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) greatly expanded options and alternatives available to service members.



Visit the Naval Supply Systems Command web site at www.navsup.navy.mil

Because of the numerous changes, all military personnel (regardless of rank or experience) are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from their local Personal Property Shipping Office, or consult the Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) home page at <http://www.navsup.navy.mil>, or the HHG help line at 1-800-444-7789, well in advance of any

move. This will save service members money and may actually earn monetary incentives.

The primary mission of NAVSUP is to provide U.S. naval forces with quality supplies and services. For more information about NAVSUP and how they keep the fleet supplied, go to <http://www.navsup.navy.mil>.

In naval history: June 25, 1950

North Korea invaded South Korea, marking the beginning of the Korean War. President Harry S Truman later authorized air and naval operations south of the 38th Parallel. On June 29, USS Juneau (CLAA 119) commenced the first naval shore bombardment of the conflict.

Submarine Centennial history: June 25, 1953

The first prototype nuclear propulsion plant, known as “Submarine Thermal Reactor, Mark 1,” achieved full design power for a 96-hour run at the Idaho Falls Nuclear Power Training Unit. This run simulated a submerged crossing of the Atlantic Ocean.

For more information about the Submarine Centennial, go to <http://www.navy.mil> and click on “Submarine Centennial.”

On Navy/Marine Corps News

Look for the following stories and more on next week's show:

- * Korean War veterans and representatives of Major League Baseball gather at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery to pay respect to those who fought and lost their lives over 50 years ago;
- * two Korean War veterans receive the Silver Star for their actions in combat during an evening parade at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.;
- * Corporal David Annarino talks with veterans of the Korean War about their experiences;
- * Sailors and Marines are taught how to keep it safe during a motorcycle safety course in San Diego.

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